



Tolland Middle School PTO

TOLLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO MINUTES January 12, 2010

Cheryl Mathieu called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The Secretary's report for November 10, 2009 was approved. Marlene Lindquist made a 1st motion and Renee Piazza made a 2nd motion.

Principal's Report: Dr. Willett reported that the budget season is underway. It will be very hard this year, he has been asked to make a \$120,000 reduction, which will come from programs and staff. Dr. Willett is in the process of planning a spring community event; it will take place in the later part of February or March. Dr. Willett talked about the Standard Based Report Cards that are in the works and will be implemented within the next few years. He urged all parents with questions or concerns to please contact him. The next Principals Breakfast will be February 3rd. The current quarter ends on January 15th and the report cards will go out the next Friday. Dr. Willett also announced that they are having lock downs and are refining the process. Dr. Willett said he would be looking for bus monitors in the future to ride the school buses. If anyone is interested they should contact him.

Teacher Representative Report: Mrs. Desy wanted to thank the PTO for the bookfair; her class won the contest and received a novel from the fair for each student. She said the students were thrilled. She also reported that the teachers are grateful for all the PTO does.

Treasurer's Report – Carolyn Ward suggested that PTO members should check with their employer to see if they have matching donations, and or volunteer hours donation, and also if you make United Way donations you can have them directed to the TMS PTO. We received \$700.00 from AETNA on behalf of Cheryl Mathieu for volunteer hours donation. Carolyn also wanted to thank Curt Campise for filing the PTO's taxes. Carolyn also wanted to remind teachers to send in their teacher reimbursement requests.

Committee Report – Marlene Lindquist reported that she is contacting all chair people to make sure they can continue as chairpersons for next year. She also reported that we need chair people for the 8th grade promotion.

Old Business:

- **A. TMS Spiritwear:** The last order sold 10 to 15 items.
- **B. Teacher Wish List:** Cheryl Mathieu reported that there were new items. Kerry Gedansky- 7th grade – (1) Any scrapbooking materials that students could use to assemble their "Write Your Life" Memoir book. (2) 8 Large Dry Erase Boards (3) package of CD-RW rewritable disc (4) Beanbag chair or video rocker for the reading corner. Mr. Cardin- 7th grade- TV with DVD and VCR
- **C. Scrapbook Event:** Alyse Castonguay reported that TMS PTO made a profit of \$300.00 and TEPTO made a profit of \$260.00; there were about 28 people that attended the event.

New Business:

- **A. Current Teacher Requests:** Jami Deguire- Cheerleading- \$100.00 to offset the cost of bows for the girls. 1st motion made by Kim Mulkin and a 2nd motion made by Marlene Lindquist. The funds will come from the clubs. ; Dr. Willett – Physical Education- \$ 815.60 for equipment. 1st motion by Marlene Lindquist and a 2nd made by Renee Piazza.; Alyse Castonguay/Lisa Matson – The reading department- \$173.04 for books. 1st motion made by Kim Mulkin and a second by Elin Houseworth; Roberta Gavin- \$1200.00 for CMT snacks – breakfast items to be distributed to all students prior to CMT tests.1st motion made by Kim Mulkin and a 2nd by Carolyn Ward.; Virginia Cohen \$257.00 – Unified Arts Assembly in Classroom. Tolland Historical Society presentations. Unified Arts Cycles in Textiles. Topic – The Historical Perspective of Natural Fibers in Tolland from 1700-1800. 1st motion made by Elin Houseworth and a 2nd by Renee Piazza.
- **B. Spring Fundraiser:** Elin Houseworth reported that the spring fundraiser would be Munson’s Chocolate. It will begin on February 8th and run until February 26th. Delivery should be around March 12th. We will receive 40% profit on all items except chocolate bars which we receive 50%.
- **C. Possible fundraiser presentation:** THINCbean LLC Tote Bag Fundraiser was presented but the bags sold to us for a cost of \$16.00 and then they would have to be marked up to make a profit. The Membership felt because the cost was so high we would not sell many bags so it was decided we would not do this fundraiser.
- **D. Teacher Appreciation:** There will be a Chocolate buffet in February around Valentine’s Day. Volunteers will be needed to bake chocolate goodies. On Wednesday, March 10th- Half Day- there will be a luncheon for all teachers and staff, this is the same day as Career Day. There will be a need for bakers and possibly a couple of people to help out.
- **E. CMT Snacks:** CMT’s will be March 2nd - March 15th.
- **F. Hoops Challenge:** The date for this event will be March 5th with a snow date of March 6th.
- **G. Spring Book Fair:** Karen Lester and Jen Loomer will chair this event in May.

Correspondence: Thank you note from Kristy Bowman for the donation of books to the library. She also wanted to thank Karen Lester and all of the PTO members for their hard work at the Fall Book Fair.

Announcements:

- MLK Day, no school: *Monday, Jan 18*
- Teacher in-service day, no school: *Tuesday, Jan 19*
- “Breakfast with the Principal”: *Feb. 3rd at 9 am*
- Please contact Mrs. Gavin, 870-6860, if you need childcare
- Next PTO Meeting: *Tuesday, February 9th at 7:30PM*
- Continue to send in Box Tops through homeroom teacher
- Read in for 5th and 6th grade is January 29th 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.